

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Final Official Action dated March 22, 2007, we offer the following submissions and enclosed amendments.

Amendments

Claim 9 has been amended to define the invention in terms of the printing fluid dispensers each engaging the inkjet printer component at the same position while having individually positioned outlets that mate with the appropriate inlet on the component. These features are shown in Figures 35 to 41 and described in the associated detailed description.

Amended claim 9 also addresses the typographical error identified by the Examiner.

Similarly, claim 5 has been amended to redefine the connector region being in the same position for all the printing fluid dispensers and as having an area that is the same for all the printing fluid dispensers while still encompassing the outlet.

Accordingly, the amendments do not add any new matter.

35 USC §102

Claims 9, 2, 4, 5 and 6 stand rejected for lack of novelty in light of US 6,199,977 to Komplin.

Amended claim 9 clarifies that each of the printing fluid dispensers individually engage the printer component at a predetermined position on the component, that predetermined position being the same for all the printing fluid dispensers. This clearly excludes the situation where different printing fluid dispensers engage the printer component at different predetermined positions. This is plainly distinguished from the teaching in Komplin.

The cited reference fails to disclose the specific combination of elements defined in amended claim 9.

35 USC §103

Claim 3 stands rejected as obvious in light of US 6,199,977 to Komplin in view of US 6,250,738 to Waller.

As discussed above, Komplin does not teach all the element of amended claim 9. Similarly, Waller does not disclose printing fluid dispensers that individually engage the printer component at a predetermined position on the component, that predetermined position being the same for all the printing fluid dispensers.

As claim 3 imports the features of independent claim 9, the cited references fail to teach the entire combination of claim elements. It follows that the citations do not support a §103 rejection.

In light of the above, the Applicant submits that the rejections have been successfully traversed. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,
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